



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: District Directors of Special Education, Principals, Assistant/Vice Principals, Special Education Teachers, Child Study Team Members

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Third Annual Autism Acceptance Virtual Art Expo: Autism in Action

Every April, New Jersey schools join in schoolwide and community activities to celebrate Autism Acceptance Month. The New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Office of Special Education (OSE) proudly supports this effort by promoting awareness, understanding, and acceptance of students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and by creating meaningful opportunities for educators, students, and families to recognize and uplift learners on the spectrum.

The OSE has curated more than 370 original artworks from students with autism and their allies from over 65 districts across New Jersey for the Third Annual Autism Acceptance Virtual Art Expo. This year's theme, "Autism in Action," highlights and celebrates our students across the State. The NJDOE OSE invites you to celebrate our students on the spectrum by visiting the virtual art expo throughout April.

Accessing the Virtual Art Expo

Access the virtual art expo by visiting the [Autism in Action gallery](#). The art show is interactive, and visitors are encouraged to walk through the exhibit and click on each piece to read about it.

Contact Information

Please direct questions to the Office of Special Education at OSEinfo@doe.nj.gov.